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Your comment in expansion and clarification subject cable desired here. Your prev rept and those Embassy have not led us conclude Leftist trend with opportunities Communist penetration. Opinion here on various points you cite as evidence follows:

A. Withdrawal British Mission primarily due financial considerations by both British and Greek Governments and no apparent connection Leftist objectives seen.

B. Greek decision ask for abolition UNSCOB apparently brewing several months and does not reflect Leftist trend but indicates wide belief there and elsewhere that orgn has outlived usefulness.

C. Amnesty program reportedly proceeding more slowly than anticipated and can be compared similar Plastiras campaign promise elections 1950 which ultimately resulted release fewer political pris than promised.

D. Disbandment tea units undertaken preelection period presumably at initiative Palace and Venizelos to weaken Papagos.

E. Regarding swearing in Leftist deputies noted that Greek rally made no move oppose seating.

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Foregoing not intended indicate lack awareness here potential Leftist and Communist str. Greece particularly in view some 200,000 votes obtained pro Communist party. Nevertheless doubtful that Plastiras even if so inclined could institute Leftist program because of coalition with Liberals and strong opposition Papagos party. We interpret your views as drawn from primarily mil sources. Does Embassy, considering info avail political sources, cfm your conclusions Leftist trend fav communism?

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